

## A "WILDE," WEIRD STRAIN.

"On bonnie lee girl, pretious and fair,  
Greens is the grass in the bower,  
Birdbing me a foot of thy tangy tail,  
(For mornins still always be rainy.)

Husband was rough and hard his hand,  
(Hard with labor were they.)

But the heart within was shifting as sand.  
(On the morn he rode away.)

The red rose came and the red rose went,  
(For to winter the nights are long.)

And the maid with sob at the window leant.  
(Gold berries lie so temptingly.)

They have drawn a grave beneath the burdock tree,  
(Plant chickweed at her feet.)

And there this maid at rest will be.  
Where earth and sky do meet.

His heart had shifted like the sand  
(For the mist he could not a pin?)

And he married the shiest dame in the land.  
(Upon the sun she sin.)

## VIRGINIA NEWS.

The oldest member of the house is Mr. Terrell, of Orange, who is eighty-nine years old.

The Legislature will probably abolish chain-gangs and the whipping-post at this session.

The auditor reports that the Richmond and Danville Railroad Company owes the State \$20,000.

Governor Cameron has signed the bill to incorporate the Richmond and Southwestern Railroad.

The capital stock of the Lynchburg Foundry and Machine Company has been subscribed and the establishment of the new enterprise may be regarded as a certainty.

The following postmasters have been nominated by the Legislature: B. B. Thompson, J. Wilson, Fincastle; P. R. Head, Hoffman's Wharf, and Mary V. Russell, Glaston.

The heirs of Colonel James Hall have instituted suit against the State for a portion of a portion of it in the central part of Harrisonburg, which, with the improvements on it, is valued at \$20,000.

General Governor Cameron commissioned P. W. Shearer of Boletourt and John Hooker, judge of Elizabeth City and Warwick Counties. These gentlemen were recently elected by the General Assembly.

The Riddleberger funding bill is the order of the day for Tuesday. It was the order for Saturday, but to pass it required twenty-one votes, and that number was not reached. Therefore, Mr. Riddleberger moved a postponed till Tuesday.

Professor Thomas N. Conrad has been elected president of the Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College at Blacksburg. Hon. George W. Taylor, ex-attorney-general and member of present General Assembly, has been elected rector.

Mr. Lovender, under a suspension of the rules, has been reelected a vice-president. The incorporators are L. B. Bass, Thomas W. McCance, C. Edward Bush, John P. Branch, W. J. Johnson, and B. B. Pittman.

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